

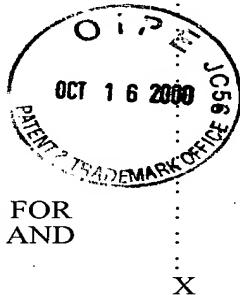
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of
Kutchmarek et al.

Application No. 09/245,596

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For: CUTTING APPARATUS FOR
WINDOW COVERINGS AND
METHODS THEREFOR



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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 12, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Amend claim 11 as follows:

/ Claim 11, line 1, change "claim 2" to --claim 38--.

REMARKS

The present amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed July 12, 2000. Attached hereto is a petition requesting a one month extension of time to reset the deadline for responding to the Office Action from October 12, 2000 to November 12, 2000.

Claims 11-19 and 23-33 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being of improper dependent form. Specifically, the Examiner noted that claim 11 depends from claim 2 which has been cancelled. In response, claim 11 has been amended to depend from independent claim 38. Thus, Applicants respectfully assert that claims 11-19 and 23-33 now satisfy the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(c).

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